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THREE PERSONS WERE REPORTED KILLED AND SIX OTHERS CRITICALLY WOUNDED LAST NIGHT IN OPORTO, PORTUGAL, WHEN NATIONAL GUARDS MEN OPENED FIRE IN A CROWD WHICH MILITARY OFFICIALS SAID WAS TRYING TO STORM A PRISON HOLDING REBEL OFFICERS. (A-1)

CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN KAARE OLSEN SAID THAT BRITISH PHYSICIAN DR. SHEILA CASSIDY WAS LYING ABOUT BEING TORTURED IN A CHILEAN PRISON BUT, THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT WOULD INVESTIGATE. (A-1)

WILLIAM CHAPMAN WRITES THAT SENATOR CHURCH HAS DECIDED NOT TO ENTER THE MASSACHUSETTS DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY AND DELAYED FORMAL ENTRY IN THE PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION CAMPAIGN. CHURCH, CITING UNFINISHED WORK ON THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE ON WEDNESDAY ASKED THE MASSACHUSETTS SECRETARY OF STATE TO REMOVE HIS NAME FROM THE BALLOT FOR THE MARCH 2 PRIMARY THERE. CHURCH SAID HE WILL NOT BECOME AN ACTIVE CANDIDATE UNTIL AFTER FEBRUARY 29, THE DATE ON WHICH THE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE'S INVESTIGATIONS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE CONCLUDED. (A-2)

WILLIAM CHAPMAN REPORTS THAT SIDES TO THE LATE REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DENY THAT HE WAS TAUNTED BY THE FBI INTO MOVING TO THE BLACK-OWNED MOTEL IN MEMPHIS WHERE HE WAS MURDERED BY A SNIPER IN 1968. "IT'S A FALSE LEAD," SAID REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG OF THE RECENT SPECULATION THAT AN FBI PLOT TO EMBARRASS KING CAUSED HIM TO MOVE TO THE MOTEL ROOM WHERE HE WAS KILLED BY A RIFLE BULLET FIRED FROM ACROSS THE STREET. (A-7)

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR REPORTS THAT 300 AMERICAN EX-SERVICEMEN HAVE BEEN SENT TO ANGOLA IN THE PAST THREE MONTHS

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AND A SIMILAR NUMBER ARE TRAINED AND EQUIPPED TO GO THERE IN A COVERT OPERATION SPONSORED BY THE CIA APPEARS ON PAGE A-14. TOM LAMBERT REPORTS THAT ZAMBIA'S OFFICIALS AND OPINION-MAKERS ARE DEEPLY WORRIED ABOUT THE WAR IN ANGOLA, ESPECIALLY ABOUT CUBAN AND SOVIET INTERVENTION THERE. (A-16)

JOSEPH KRAFT WRITES THAT THE POSSIBILITIES FOR THE NEXT QUARTER CENTURY APPEAR BLEAK. ON THE STRATEGIC FRONT, TO BE SURE, THE OUTLOOK IS SUPERFICIALLY UNPLEASANT. THIS COUNTRY'S PRINCIPAL POTENTIAL ADVERSARY, THE SOVIET UNION, HAS UNDER WAY AN ENORMOUS BUILD-UP OF BOTH CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR FORCES. GIVEN PRESENT TRENDS, AT LEAST A SLIGHT SOVIET MILITARY PREPONDERANCE IS APT TO BE THE DOMINANT STRATEGIC FACT OF THE LAST QUARTER OF THE CENTURY. BUT RUSSIA IS POWERFULLY CONSTRAINED AGAINST OPEN USE OF FORCE IN A BIG WAY. THE AMERICAN DETERRENT, WITH ITS CAPACITY TO WIPE OUT MUCH OF MANKIND, REALLY DOES DETER. THOUGH UNINHIBITED BY THE WORKINGS OF TRADITIONAL MORAL FORCES, SOVIET LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY GREAT CAUTION. BESIDES, AS THE FAILURE IN AGRICULTURE THIS YEAR AND THE NEED TO CURTAIL THE NEW FIVE-YEAR PLAN SHOW, RUSSIA REMAINS ABYSMALLY SHORT IN ALL KINDS OF MODERN RESOURCES. SO WITH ANYTHING LIKE NORMAL VIGILANCE AND COOLNESS ON THE PART OF THE U.S., WORLD WAR III WILL NOT TAKE PLACE. (A-19)

VICTOR ZORZA WRITES THAT PEKING'S RELEASE OF THE SOVIET HELICOPTER CREW IS CLEARLY A POLITICAL SIGNAL, AND THE MANNER OF THE RELEASE, PARTICULARLY PEKING'S READINESS TO EAT ITS OWN WORDS, GIVES MOSCOW A CLUE TO HOW THE SIGNAL MAY BE INTERPRETED. WHAT PEKING IS SAYING IS THAT, HAVING EATEN ITS OWN WORDS ON THIS ISSUE, IT IS QUITE CAPABLE OF REVERSING ITSELF ON OTHER, FAR MORE BASIC ISSUES -- PROVIDED THAT MOSCOW IS WILLING TO PAY THE RIGHT PRICE. PEKING'S INITIATIVE HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO PERSUADE MOSCOW TO MAKE A DEAL NOW, WITH MAO'S BLESSING, WHICH WOULD COMMIT HIS SUCCESSORS. FAILURE TO DO SO, PEKING IS TELLING MOSCOW, MIGHT ONCE AGAIN LEAD TO THE AGGRAVATION OF THE FINAL SOVIET CONFLICT TO THE POINT OF WAR. THE KREMLIN CANNOT AFFORD TO IGNORE AS SIGNIFICANT AN OPENING AS THE RELEASE OF THE HELICOPTER CREW, AND IN THE DIPLOMATIC PROBING WHICH IS BOUND TO FOLLOW SOON, THE FIRST OUTLINES OF A NEW SINO-SOVIET UNDERSTANDING MAY BEGIN TO EMERGE. WHAT HAS BEEN SAID ON BOTH SIDES SUGGESTS THAT THIS MAY WELL INCLUDE A NONAGGRESSION PACT, AND A SPECIFIC UNDERTAKING BY BOTH COUNTRIES NOT TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGAINST EACH OTHER. (A-19)

YUVAL ELIZUR WRITES THAT UPCOMING ELECTIONS FOR 24 MUNICIPAL COUNCILS IN THE ISRAELI-OCCUPIED WEST BANK OF JORDAN MAY PROVIDE THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION'S FIRST TEST

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OF STRENGTH IN THE AREA IT CLAIMS AS ITS HOME TERRITORY.
(A-20)

JACK ANDERSON WRITES ABOUT THE POOR STATE OF THE U.S. NAVY, CITING THAT ITS SHIPS WERE INVOLVED LAST YEAR IN 17 COLLISIONS -- MOST OF THEM WITH OTHER NAVY SHIPS. CLEARLY, SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH THE NAVY WHICH SUPPOSEDLY IS SUPREME ON THE SEAS BUT APPARENTLY CAN'T STEER ITS SHIPS STRAIGHT. BUT THE MOST SERIOUS CONSEQUENCE OF OUR NAVAL NEGLECT IS THAT THE SOVIETS ARE STEADILY OVERTAKING THE U.S. ON THE HIGH SEAS. ALREADY, ONE SOVIET FLEET DOMINATES THE BALTIC AND BARENTS SEAS. ANOTHER IS CHALLENGING THE U.S. SIXTH FLEET IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. A THIRD FLEET PATROLS THE STRATEGIC INDIAN OCEAN, AND A FOURTH GUARDS THE APPROACHES TO SIBERIA IN THE PACIFIC. MANY EXPERTS FEAR THE MODERN, EXPANDING SOVIET NAVY IS MORE THAN A MATCH FOR THE U.S. NAVY. (B-6)

FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON IS WELCOME IN CHINA ANYTIME, CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG TOLD DAVID AND JULIE NIXON EISENHOWER WHEN HE CHATTED WITH THEM THIS WEEK. THE TOURING EISENHOWERS WERE GIVEN A LUNCHEON YESTERDAY IN PEKING BY FIRST VICE-PREMIER NGIAO-PING. (D-3)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

FOX BUTTERFIELD SAYS TWO NEW POEMS BY CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG, ACCOMPANIED BY A NEW YEAR'S DAY EDITORIAL DEFENDING THE RESULTS OF THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, WERE PUBLISHED IN PEKING TODAY IN WHAT APPEARED TO BE AN ATTEMPT BY THE AGING CHINESE LEADER TO INSURE THAT HIS REVOLUTIONARY POLICIES ARE NOT OVERTAKEN BY THE DRIVE FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH. (1)

HENRY GINISER REPORTS THAT ONE OF SPAIN'S MOST MILITANT ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIESTS LED A PARADE OF 500 PEOPLE AROUND BARCELONA'S MAIN PRISON TO DEMAND AMNESTY AND, IN A HIGHLY UNUSUAL MOVE FOR SPAIN, THE POLICE HELPED THEM. (1)

AN EDITORIAL SAYS THE SHOTGUN WEDDING THAT RECENTLY GAVE FINLAND A "GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY" IS A RESULT OF LAGGING ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN WEST EUROPE. FINLAND'S CHIEF MARKET. WITH THE PROSPECT OF A MUCH DEEPER DEPRESSION THIS WINTER THAN HAD BEEN EXPECTED, THE COMMUNIST PARTY HAS BEEN BROUGHT BACK INTO THE CABINET FOR ONLY THE SECOND TIME SINCE WORLD WAR II. FINLAND'S ECONOMIC MISFORTUNE LIES IN THE INEVITABLE DELAY THAT RECOVERY THERE MUST FACE UNTIL WEST EUROPEAN PROSPERITY -- STILL OUT OF SIGHT -- BEGINS TO LIFT PURCHASES OF FINNISH PRODUCTS. THE WEAKER WESTERN NATIONS, WHETHER FINLAND IN THE NORTH OR ITALY IN THE SOUTH, CLEARLY ARE BEING PUT AT RISK BY LAGGING RECOVERY EFFORTS OF THE STRONGER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE U.S. (24)

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MICHAEL J. HARRINGTON WRITES THAT IN ITS STAFF REPORT, "COVERT ACTION IN CHILE, 1963-1973," THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE HAS PROVIDED THE FIRST DETAILED OFFICIAL ACCOUNT OF THE LARGE-SCALE SECRET EFFORTS OF THE CIA TO MANIPULATE AND, IF POSSIBLE, CONTROL POLITICAL EVENTS IN THAT SMALL AND VULNERABLE COUNTRY. THERE ARE THREE MAJOR CHARGES AGAINST THE CIA THAT THE REPORT HAS BEEN INTERPRETED TO HAVE DISPELLED: THAT THE CIA FINANCED THE TRUCKERS' STRIKE THAT WAS SO IMPORTANT IN THE UNDOING OF PRESIDENT SALVADOR ALLENDE GOSENS; THAT LARGE SUMS WERE SPENT IN 1970-73 TO DESTABILIZE CHILE, AND THAT THE U.S. WAS INVOLVED IN THE 1973 COUP. THE FULL EXTENT OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT WITH THE CHILEAN MILITARY BEFORE THE COUP MAY NEVER BE KNOWN. QUESTIONS REMAIN ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE MILITARY-ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, THE DEFENSE ATTACHES, AND OTHER U.S. SERVICE PERSONNEL IN CHILE, ESPECIALLY THE NAVY. THE POINT IS THAT CIA STATION OFFICERS DID NOT LEAD THE ARMED FORCES UP THE STEPS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE BECAUSE THEY DID NOT HAVE TO. THE U.S. ACTED FORCEFULLY TO CONVEY ITS PREFERENCE FOR A RIGHT-WING MILITARY REGIME TO THE CONTINUATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT UNDER DR. ALLENDE. WHETHER THAT WAS THE CONTROLLING, OR EVEN THE DECISIVE, FACTOR IS NOT THE POINT. WE PLAYED FAST AND LOOSE WITH THE DEMOCRATIC TRADITIONS OF ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST SOPHISTICATED NATIONS. AND WHEN THE U.S. PENETRATES A SOCIETY AS THOROUGHLY AND CONTINUOUSLY AS WE DID CHILE'S, WHEN WE USE OUR RESOURCES TO IMPOSE OUR PREFERENCES ON THEIR SOCIETY, IT IS FACTUALLY WRONG AND MORALLY WRONG TO ASSERT THAT WE HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR ACTIONS. (25)

THE BALTIMORE SUN

A YEAR-OLD DRIVE TO ELIMINATE OPPOSITION WITHIN YUGOSLAVIA HAS PUT 260 PERSONS BEHIND BARS, INCLUDING ONE OF PRESIDENT TITO'S OLDEST RIVALS. THE CRACKDOWN ON DISSIDENTS -- RANGING FROM SOVIET SYMPATHIZERS AND POSSIBLE KREMLIN AGENTS TO RIGHT-WING CROATIAN NATIONALISTS -- IS SEEN BY FOREIGN OBSERVERS AS A REACTION TO FEARS FOR YUGOSLAVIA'S INDEPENDENCE AFTER MR. TITO'S DEATH OR WHEN HE GIVES UP POWER. THE BIGGEST CATCH APPEARED TO BE VLADIMIR DAPCEVIC, MR. TITO'S STRONGEST OPPONENT AMONG PRO-SOVIET YUGOSLAVS. (A-2)

EGYPT'S CABINET YESTERDAY RECEIVED A \$15.3 BILLION DRAFT BUDGET, APPROVED BY THE PEOPLES ASSEMBLY AND DESIGNED TO KEEP THE COUNTRY READY FOR WAR WITH ISRAEL, IMPROVE LIVING STANDARDS, CURB INFLATION, AND RESCUE A SAGGING ECONOMY. (A-4)

A SUN EDITORIAL COMMENTS ON THE TURKEY-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP COOPERATION TREATY. FEW COUNTRIES ARE SO FATED BY HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY TO BE AFRAID OF RUSSIAN INFLUENCE AS TURKEY. EQUALLY, FEW COULD BENEFIT AS MUCH FROM GENUINE FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION. THE PRESENT FLIRTATION, BESIDES SATISFYING THE TURKISH LEFT AS A MORE EVEN-HANDED

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FOREIGN POLICY, IS A POINTED REBUKE TO THE U.S. CLEARLY THE
TURKISH-AMERICAN COOLING-OFF HAS NOT ENDED DESPITE THE
PARTIAL CONGRESSIONAL BACKDOWN ON ARMS AND THE GENERAL SATIS-
FACTION WITH THE LIMITED RESUMPTION OF TURKISH POPPY CULTURE.
IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THE U.S. CAN FULLY PLEASE TURKEY AGAIN
UNTIL THE STATUS OF CYPRUS IS AMICABLY SETTLED. THAT CANNOT
BE DONE UNTIL TURKEY RELEASES A HEALTHY PART OF ITS OCCUPIED
TERRITORY TO GREEK CYPRIOTS. BUT THIS AGREEMENT DOES NOT
TAKE TURKEY OUT OF NATO. TURKEY IS GIVING UP LITTLE, AND THE
SOVIET UNION IS GIVING NOTHING POLITICALLY. THE TURKS GET
TO THUMB THEIR NOSES AT WASHINGTON, AND THEY ARE PROMISED
A LITTLE ECONOMIC AID FOR DOING IT. (A-10)
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